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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PARLA ET AL.

Examiner

Charles E. Anya

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/25/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-20,22-39,41,43 and 44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-20,22-39,41,43 and 44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1,2,4-20 and 22-44 are pending in this application.
2. After review of Applicant's arguments and the prior arts the Examiner has withdrawn the office action of 6/26/06.
3. **Claim 41,43 and 44 are objected to because of the following informalities:**

Claim 41 is depends on claim 14. Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 41 and therefore makes claim 41 unnecessary. Applicant is advised to take corrective action.

Claims 43 and 44 appear to include typographical error. Specifically, the inclusion of "claim1" and "claim19" seems to have been used in error.

For the purpose of this office action the Examiner would change "claim1" and "claim19" to "claim 1" and "claim 19" respectively.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. **Claims 1,2,4-13,19,20,22-31,37-39,43 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,448 to Hemphill et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,594,786 B1 to Connelly et al.**

6. As to claim 1, Hemphill teaches an event processing server, a method for processing events comprising the steps of: receiving an event message (“...ENM...” Col. 2 Ln. 10 - 17); the event message contains event registration information including product version currently supported (“...<?XML version = “1.0”?>...” Col. 10 Ln. 35, Col. 12 Ln. 43) and a definition of a set of classes for said product, said definition of a set of classes includes, for each class, a name (DEVICENAME), a unique identifier (DEVICEID), a description of the class, and definitions of dynamic variables for each class, said dynamic variables including properties and alarm attributes (ENM 207/EAS Files 210 “...DEVICEID...DEVICENAME EVENTURL...” Col. 10 Ln. 23 - 67, Col. 11 Ln. 1 - 67); identifying event information required to process event data based on the event message (“...locate a file...” Col. 2 Ln. 20 - 23, Col. 2 Ln. 43 - 48, Col. 8 Ln. 27 - 45).

Hemphill is silent with reference to determining if existing event information is accessible to process the event data and if the existing event information is not accessible: (i) providing an event rejection indicating missing event information; and (ii) receiving the missing event information identified in the event rejection.

Connelly teaches determining if existing event information is accessible to process the event data and if the existing event information is not accessible; (i) providing an event rejection indicating missing event information (Col. 16 Ln. 57 - 67);

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and (ii) receiving the missing event information identified in the event rejection ("...Step 188..." Col.17 Ln. 10 - 16).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time the invention was made to modify the system of Hemphill with the teaching of Connelly because the teaching of Connelly would improve the system of Hemphill by providing an agent-server recovery protocol for notifying a monitored system by a monitoring server (HA server) to correct an error event received therefrom (Connelly Col. 16 Ln. 57 - 63).

7. As to claim 2, Hemphill teaches the method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of: selecting the event information based on the event data received', and generating an event output from the selected event information (Col. 2 Ln. 43 - 48).

8. As to claim 4, Hemphill teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the event message includes at least one unique identifier identifying the source of the event data ("...DEVICEID..." Col. 9 Ln. 32 - 50, Col. 10 Ln. 38 - 52).

9. As to claim 5, Hemphill teaches the method of claim 4 wherein the step of identifying event information required to process event data identifies the event information required based on the source of the event data (Col. 8 Ln. 43 - 45).

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10. As to claim 6, Hemphill teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the event message includes at least one unique identifier identifying event information required to process the event data ("...locate a file..." Col. 2 Ln. 20 - 23, Col. 2 Ln. 43 - 48, Col. 8 Ln. 27 - 45).

11. As to claim 7, Connelly teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the steps of receiving comprise a step of accepting at least one of event registration information, event data and event information mark-up language documents (Step 188 Col. 17 Ln. 14 - 16).

12. As to claim 8, Hemphill teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the event data includes network management data indicating a network management event associated with a source of the event data and wherein the step of receiving event data utilizes a hypertext transport protocol to receive the event data (Col. 10 Ln. 22 - 62).

13. As to claim 9, Connelly teaches the method of claim 1 wherein in the step of determining, if the existing event information is accessible, the method further comprises the steps of: (i) providing an event data destination; and (ii) receiving the event data via the event data destination (Step 190 Col. 17 Ln. 10 - 19, figure 8B Col. 18 Ln. 3 - 14).

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14. As to claim 10, Connelly teaches the method of claim 9 wherein the steps of receiving comprise the steps of: reading first and second event data; processing the first and second event data to produce event output data that reflects a hierarchical event relationship between the first and second event data (“...out-of-sequence...” figure 7E Col. 17 Ln. 10 - 19, figure 88 Col. 18 Ln. 3 - 14).

15. As to claim 11, Connelly teaches the method of claim 1 further comprising the step of creating system component status records and wherein the step of receiving the event data further includes the step of: updating a status of the system component status record based on the event data received (“...status change...” Col. 9 Ln. 65 - 67, Col. 10 Ln. 1 - 9).

16. As to claim 12, Hemphill the method of claim 1 wherein the event message contains event data (ENM 207 Col. 10 Ln. 22 - 62).

17. As to claims 13 and 31, see the rejection of claim 1 above.

18. As to claim 19, Hemphill teaches an event processing server for processing event messages comprising: a memory; a communications interface; a processor; and an interconnection mechanism coupling the memory, the processor and the communications interface (Server I/F 221 Col. 8 Ln. 1 - 14), wherein the processor is configured to: receive an event message (Event Processor Logic 222 (ENM 207) Col. 8

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Ln. 15 - 26), the event message contains event registration information including product version currently supported (“...<?XML version = “1.0”?>...” Col. 10 Ln. 35, Col. 12 Ln. 43) and a definition of a set of classes for said product, said definition of a set of classes includes, for each class, a name (DEVICENAME), a unique identifier (DEVICEID), a description of the class, and definitions of dynamic variables for each class, said dynamic variables including properties and alarm attributes (ENM 207/EAS Files 210 “...DEVICEID...DEVICENAME EVENTURL...” Col. 10 Ln. 23 - 67, Col. 11 Ln. 1 - 67), identify event information required to process event data based on the event message (“...location pointer...” Col. 8 Ln. 27 - 45).

Hemphill is silent with reference to determining if existing event information is accessible to process the event data and if the existing event information is not accessible; (i) provide an event rejection indicating missing event information; and (ii) receive the missing event information identified in the event rejection.

Connelly teaches determining if existing event information is accessible to process the event data and if the existing event information is not accessible: (i) providing an event rejection indicating missing event information (Col. 16 Ln. 57 - 67); and (ii) receiving the missing event information identified in the event rejection “...Step 88...” Col. 17 Ln. 10 - 16).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Hemphill with the teaching of Connelly because the teaching of Connelly would improve the system of Hemphill by agent-server recovery

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protocol for notifying a monitored system by a monitoring server (HA server) to correct an error event received therefrom (Connelly Col. 16 Ln. 57 - 63).

19. As to claims 20 and 22 - 30, see the rejection of claims 2 and 4 - 12 respectively.

20. As to claims 37 and 38, see the rejection of claims 1 and 19 respectively.

21. As to claim 39, Hemphill teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said event registration information includes information that identifies a source of forthcoming event data as well as event information that the event processing server will require in order to be able to correctly process the forthcoming event data (EAS Files 210 Col. 10 Ln. 63 - 67, Col. 11 Ln. 1 - 67, Col. 12 Ln. 1 - 67).

22. As to claim 43, Hemphill teaches to the method of claim 1, further comprising maintaining a time history of a series of events related to an alarm attribute ("...EVENTTIME..." Col. 10 Ln. 27 - 52).

23. As to claim 44, see the rejection of claim 43 above.

24. **Claims 14-16, 32-34 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,779,004 B1 to Zintel in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,448 to Hemphill et al.**

25. As to claim 14, Zintel teaches in an event generation client, a method for processing events comprising: sending event registration information including identifying event information required to process event data (RegisterupnpEventsource() Col. 32 Ln. 10 - 38, Col. 33 Ln. 50 - 67); detecting an event (SumbitupnppropertyEvent() Col. 33 Ln. 1 - 42); in response to detecting an event, creating event data (Col. 33 Ln. 24 - 25, Col. 34 Ln. 1 - 8); and sending the event data to an event processing server ("...subscribers..." Col. 33 Ln. 1 - 28, HUP Server 626 Col. 34 Ln. 15 - 25).

Zintel is silent with reference to event registration information further including product versions currently supported, a definition of a set of classes for said product and said definition of a set of classes includes, for each class, a name, a unique identifier, a description of the class, and definitions of dynamic variables for each class, said dynamic variables including properties and alarm attributes.

Hemphill teaches the event message contains event registration information including product version currently supported ("...<?XML version = "1.0"?>..." Col. 10 Ln. 35, Col. 12 Ln. 43) and a definition of a set of classes for said product, said definition of a set of classes includes, for each class, a name (DEVICENAME), a unique identifier (DEVICEID), a description of the class, and definitions of dynamic variables for each class, said dynamic variables including properties and alarm attributes (ENM 207/EAS Files 210 "...DEVICEID...DEVICENAME EVENTURL..." Col. 10 Ln. 23 - 67, Col. 11 Ln. 1 - 67).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time the invention was made to modify the system of Zintel with the teaching of Hemphill because the teaching of Hemphill would improve the system of Zintel by providing a flexible scheme for encoding management information in response to a management event (Hemphill Col. 1 Ln. 50 – 52, Col. 2 Ln. 36 – 37).

26. As to claim 15, Zintel teaches the method of claim 14 wherein the step of creating event data includes formatting the event data in a mark-up language format capable of transmission via a hyper-text transport protocol (Col. 29 Ln. 11 - 16, "...XML body..." Col. 33 Ln. 24 - 25).

27. As to claim 16, Zintel teaches the method of claim 14 wherein the step of sending event registration information, further comprises the step of: initiating a multiple of status checks of sources to produce status check information; and forwarding status check information in the event data to the event processing server ("...alive..." Col. 39 Ln 9 - 11).

28. As to claims 32 - 34, see the rejection of claims 14 - 16 respectively.

29. As to claim 41, Hemphill teaches the event generation client of claim 14, wherein the definition of a set of classes for said product, said definition of a set of classes includes, for each class, a name (DEVICENAME), a unique identifier (DEVICEID), a

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description of the class, and definitions of dynamic variables for each class, said dynamic variables including properties and alarm attributes (ENM 207/EAS Files 210 "...DEVICEID...DEVICENAME EVENTURL..." Col. 10 Ln. 23 - 67, Col. 11 Ln. 1 - 67).

30. Claims 17 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,779,004 B1 to Zintel in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,448 to Hemphill et al. as applied to claims 14 or 32 above, and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,526,442 B1 to Stupek Jr. et al.

31. As to claim 17, Hemphill and Zintel are silent with reference to the method of claim 14 wherein the step of sending the event data further comprises the step of: periodically sending event data to the event processing server as confirmation of an operating communications channel.

Stupek teaches the method of claim 14 wherein the step of sending further comprises the step of: periodically sending event data to the event processing server as confirmation of an operating communications channel (Col. 2 Ln. 54 - 67).

It would have obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Hemphill and Zintel with the teaching of Stupek because the teaching of Stupek would improve the system of Hemphill and Zintel by providing plurality of notices indicative of the state of network to a management engine (Stupek Col. 2 Ln. 54 - 67).

32. As to claim 35, see the rejection of claim 17 above.

33. Claims 18 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,779,004 B1 to Zintel in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,594,786 B1 to Connolly et al., and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,448 to Hemphill et al. as applied to claims 14 or 32 above, and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,594,786 B1 to Connolly et al.

34. As to claim 18, Zintel and Hemphill are silent with reference to the method of claim 14, further including the steps of: receiving an event rejection indicating missing event information from an event process server; obtaining the missing information; and sending the missing event information to the event processing server.

Connolly teaches the method of claim 14, further including the steps of: receiving an event rejection indicating missing event information from an event process server; obtaining the missing information; and sending the missing event information to the event processing server ("...Step 188..." Col.17 Ln. 10 - 16).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time the invention was made to modify the system of Hemphill with the teaching of Connolly because the teaching of Connolly would improve the system of Hemphill by providing an agent-server recovery protocol for notifying a monitored system by a monitoring server (HA server) to correct an error event received therefrom (Connolly Col. 16 Ln. 57 - 63).

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35. As to claim 36, see the rejection of claim 18 above.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9/25/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues in substance that (1) the Connelly prior art teaches a single OS version rather than multiple versions as claim suggests and (2) the MacPhill prior art does not teach a class that includes, a name, a unique identifier, a description of the class, and definitions of dynamic variables for the class, wherein the dynamic variables includes properties and alarm attributes.

As to point (1), note that this limitation is now rejected with the Hemphill prior art. Although the Hemphill prior art teaches one version of XML, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have known to implement the invention with more than one version since building/creating XML markup and data structures includes indicating supported **version(s)** of XML.

As to point (2), the MacPhill prior art has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles E. Anya whose telephone number is (571) 272-3757. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson can be reached on (571) 272-3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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